

MOCK NEWS

New class in agriculture at Benton that is becoming very successful, according to A. Gorrell, instructor, a going number of persons enrolling again at the last meeting. Twenty-one women have enrolled for poultry week, and are taking as much or even more interest in the course than the men.

The following are those women who are taking the course: Mrs. A. Cox, Mrs. Henry Hildebrand, Mrs. Thomas Harlow, Mrs. William Blankenship, Mrs. A. T. Romans, Mrs. William Duckworth, Mrs. Fred Precht, Mrs. Minnie Harrison, Mrs. L. W. Bashaw, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Mrs. Mildred Russell, Mrs. French Douglas, Mrs. R. R. Russell, Mrs. C. C. Douglas, Mrs. Biddle Hildebrand, R. W. Watts, T. C. Hicks, Emil Duffin, Frank Carter, George Peyton, Floyd Rockwell, and Misses Cora Cox, Susie Tanner, Henrietta Douglas, Winifred and Mable Douglas.

Many of the women who are taking the course have husbands in their class. The interest is growing all the time in the course, until the class is now one of the largest in the state.

The short course in agriculture at Benton City is so successful, that it will be continued until Christmas, according to A. Gorrell, instructor.

Ninety-one persons have enrolled, twenty-one of these being women, who are taking the course temporarily during poultry week. After poultry week, animal husbandry will probably be studied.

After Christmas, there will be another class, probably at the Duly district, if they want it there.

The following are those who have enrolled in the course: Ed Stratton, Ed H. Blase, Charles Harrison, Estlin Bashaw, C. W. Erisman, Will Foley, Nora Cox, Finkle Douglass, Mrs. A. Cox, Mrs. Henry Hildebrand, Mrs. Thomas Harlow, Mrs. W. M. Blankenship, Susie Tanner, Mrs. A. F. Romans, Henrietta Douglass, Nellie Duckworth, Winifred Stratton, Mrs. Fred Precht, Mrs. Goodson, Mrs. T. W. Bashaw, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Mrs. Mildred Russell, F. A. Schute, Mrs. Niermann, Minnie Harrison, Floyd Rockwell, Walter Stratton, S. E. Stratton, Crawford Dowell, Tom Harlow, George Miller, R. A. Watts, C. C. Thompson, E. C. Bashaw, Arthur Trachel, Will Thompson, F. F. Dewis, William Duckworth, Clyde Douglass, Lowell Erisman, George Schutte, Herbert Schutte, Mrs. L. B. Bashaw, Frank Carter, John Zimmerman, Clarence Hildebrand, Alex Paris, Will Wenger, Frank Hildebrand, Russell Seranton, Mrs. R. R. Russell, Mrs. French Douglas, Mrs. C. C. Douglas, Mrs. Madeline Douglass, Mabel Douglass, Mrs. Biddle Hildebrand, Rice Massey, R. W. Watts, T. C. Hicks, E. C. Thompson, Mrs. E. C. Niemann, A. B. Erisman, George Peyton, Loyal Douglass, Charles Clark, C. C. Thompson, Mrs. C. H. Gwinn, Ed Hildebrand, Sam Barker, Dr. A. W. Roberts, Joseph Carter, Barkley Pasley, A. F. Romans, Albert Hildebrand, C. W. Erisman, Will Caldwell, Fred Precht, W. H. Gorrell, Emil Duffin, Will Erisman, Frank Caldwell, Sidney Harrison, L. W. Bashaw, J. J. Johnson, Paul Hildebrand, H. K. Clements, Allen Cox and French Douglass.

A. Gorrell instructor in vocational agriculture at McMillan High School, took his class in farm crops east of town Wednesday to inspect the fields infested with chinch bugs. They were accompanied by Professor Ankeney of the University of Missouri, visual educational instructor.

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grass along the fences, were living. In some places, according to Mr. Gorrell, there were as many as twenty-five to the square inch. Mr. Gorrell is going to try to organize the farmers to burn the infested area.

Pictures were taken of the habitat of the chinch bug. A wet season at wheat harvest time next year is the only thing that will prevent the chinch bug from being worse than it was this year. The wet season causes the growth of a fungus disease which kills the chinch bug.

Ernest Barnett recalls that about 30 years ago we had a very warm winter here and that a lot of young men played baseball in the old Sportsmen's park back of Hardin College on Christmas day. It was so warm they discarded their coats and played in their shirt sleeves. It is also reported by an other older resident that 72 years ago today there was a deep snow.

James W. Warren sold 30 head of 2-year-old feeding steers to Weinan Bros., near Molino, Tuesday, at 8c a pound.

The largest drove of fat cattle in North Missouri is in the Clarence vicinity. There are 400 in the drove and they are the property of Tony Hunolt.

Miss Lona Dowell has been seriously ill since last Saturday.

Dr. H. P. Gregory is starting a Calf Club in Mexico, and went to Kansas City Monday to buy the calves. He expects to get twenty-five calves, for the twenty-three members of the club. The club will be financed by the Mexico Savings bank.

Ed Willingham killed a 20 pound coon last week. It was one of the largest killed here recently and it almost whipped several dogs it had to fight in the finish.

Grey Wilson near Molino, marketed a load of hogs of his own raising at \$10.65 per cwt., which was the top of the market in St. Louis Friday. Forty-six head, averaging 224 pounds brought the price. Mr. Wilson also had in fifty-one lambs at \$12, which was the top of the market in this division as well.—Paris Appeal.

James G. Crawford, near Molino, received a car load of cotton cake, Tuesday, to feed to his cattle in connection with silage. It cost him \$35.85 a ton delivered.

The J. C. Miller farm, near Molino, not the Hickman place, was ordered sold at partition sale last week. Mr. Hickman says he hopes to hold on to

Do Your Christmas Shopping By Your Own Warm Fireside

With only a few more shopping days until Christmas the shops are gradually taking on a holiday atmosphere that will increase until the grand rush the last few days before the occasion. All of the stores are decorated with the holiday colors and merchandise displayed in an attractive manner.

All of the shops are displaying in their show windows, a line of gifts that are exceptional values.

Country trade is picking up and from now on until Christmas there will be additions to the working forces in all of the shops to take care of the increased business.

Mexico merchants are running attractive ads almost daily, telling the people about their wares and a whole day's shopping can be planned the evening before while looking through the paper by the fireside. In any case one can do no better than to take a look through the home merchant's ad before starting on the Christmas shopping tour.

R. E. Mayhew returned to Fulton Wednesday evening, from a two months' stay at the M. W. A. hospital at Woodman, Colo., and in that time he gained forty pounds. He is looking fit and fine and will resume his work as battery man at Mexico the first of next week. He was quite enthusiastic about the Woodman hospital and the great benefits he derived from his stay there.—Fulton Sun.

J. T. Hutts has gone to Oklahoma City, where he will visit H. A. Frank.

his farm until he dies, then have things fixed so a partition sale will not be necessary.—Paris Appeal.

Joe Kindig, the mule buyer from York, Pa., last week bought 45 head of 2-year-old mules in Monroe county. He got 21 from James Warren near Paris at \$190 a head, and 24 from Ed Atterbury near Holliday at \$125 around. Two months ago Mr. Warren refused \$250 per head for his mules. Kindig also bought 41 head from Mr. O'Brien near Lentner at \$145 apiece.—Paris Mercury.

TO SELL SEALS

The Campfire Girls, under the leadership of the officers, President, Elizabeth Wilson; secretary, Anna Margaret Burton; and Laura Carter, treasurer, will be in charge of the sale of Christmas tuberculosis seals, beginning Saturday.

In the morning, there will be a house to house canvas, and in the afternoon, there will be booths in the Alamo Drug Company store, Marlow & Cox store and the North Missouri Company.

TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

S. P. Cunningham, who was recently appointed county clerk by Gov. Frederick D. Gardner, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ross Cauthorn, took the oath of office Saturday, December 11. Mr. Cunningham has been deputy clerk for two years, and will serve two years as county clerk, beginning January 1.

Miss Mable Grafford, who has been deputy county treasurer for eight years, will be deputy county clerk, beginning January 1.

Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Moore are domiciled for the present at the Alamo Hotel.

Miss Elaine Silverstein is visiting friends in Indiana.

A.F. Zimmerschied Buys Purdy's Drug Store Friday

A. F. Zimmerschied of Baker's Field, Cal., bought the Otis Purdy drug store Friday from Mrs. Purdy. Possession will be taken Sunday after the inventory. The deal was closed at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Mr. Zimmerschied has been a registered druggist in Missouri for 19 years and is also registered in Kansas and California. Up until a year ago, he had a drug store at Versailles, Mo., where he was for almost ten years.

The store here has been owned by Otis Purdy for about fourteen years who while owner of the drug store, made many friends.

The people of Mexico join the Ledger in welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerschied to Mexico.

Edmund Vance Cooke, the well known writer of children's verse, was the guest of the editor of the Ledger Friday afternoon. Mr. Cooke is a delightful writer whose verse has met with splendid success.

P. G. Cunningham, Sr., of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived in Mexico Friday to see his son, Paul Cunningham, Jr., who has been in the Audrain Hospital for several weeks with pneumonia. As soon as he is able to travel, Mr. Cunningham will take him south.

The contest between the Frances Rodgers Class of women of the Methodist Church and the Wesley Class of men closed Sunday, December 12 with the Wesley class twenty-one points in advance for the entire contest. Sunday, the women's class had 107 members present and the men's had 78. There were 444 at the Methodist Sunday School Sunday.

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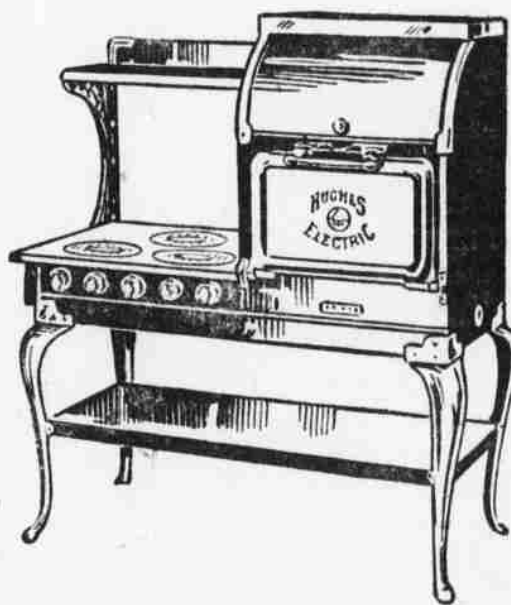
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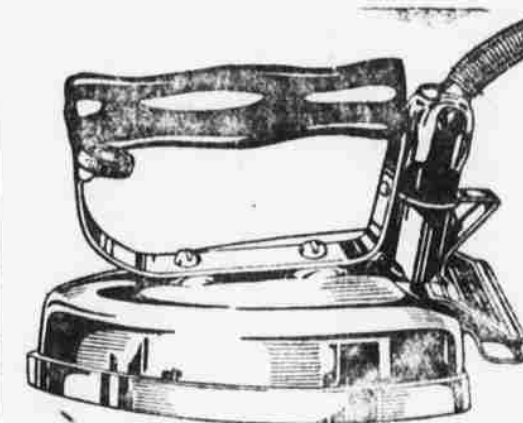


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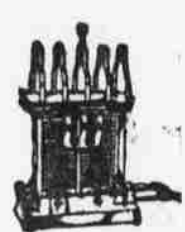
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